



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), the nation's largest residential energy efficiency program, was initiated and funded in 1976 by the U.S. Department of Energy in response to the energy shortage to states and communities assisting low-income families in making their homes more energy efficient, safe, and healthy; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of Energy finds that the average family annually spends more than \$1,300 on utility bills, and that figures represents 20 percent of a low-income family's income; and
- WHEREAS,** the Weatherization Assistance Program administered by the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, in cooperation primarily with the state's Community Action Agencies, has produced energy cost reductions in more than 6,284 homes since 1990, many of which house the elderly and disabled, and children; and
- WHEREAS,** the Weatherization Assistance Program benefits households and communities in Louisiana by providing cost-effective, energy-efficient retrofits to homes occupied by low-income individuals; and
- WHEREAS,** the program not only assists families working toward self-sufficiency, but it also contributes more broadly to community improvements by eliminating carbon emissions, reducing the dependence on foreign oil, stimulating local economies through the purchase of goods and services, creating jobs, and stabilizing neighborhoods; and
- WHEREAS,** the state of Louisiana and the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency consider the Weatherization Assistance Program a vital part of their overall effort to help people of low-income gain energy-efficient, affordable, and safe housing, and their basic necessities that enable these individuals to advance socially and economically.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2005, as

WEATHERIZATION DAY

in the state of Louisiana, and I encourage all Louisianans to recognize and learn the importance of energy conservation, pollution reduction, and safer homes through appropriate activities.



*Attest By
The Governor*

[Signature]
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 1st day of November
A.D., 2005*

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana